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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, ET, SO, UNSC
SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING ON THE HORN

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS UK, FRENCH, GERMAN AND CANADIAN COUNTERPARTS LATE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 12, SECRETARY VANCE REVIEWED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE HORN. PICKING UP ON EARLIER DISCUSSIONS AT BREAKFAST THAT MORNING, HE SAID THAT THE SITUATION HAD REACHED A POINT WHERE HE HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD BE ASKED TO TAKE ACTION IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AND TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. THE SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED A DRAFT RESOLUTION (TEXT FOLLOWS) AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND COMING OUT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. THE OTHER MINISTERS CONCURRED THAT RAPID ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS NEEDED. THEIR MUTUAL REACTION TO
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THE RESOLUTION WAS FAVORABLE, THEIR MAIN SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BEING THAT OPERATIVE PARA 1 (D) SHOULD BE DELETED BECAUSE IT WAS TOO EXPLICIT AND REPEATED THE THOUGHTS CONTAINED IN PARA 1 (C).

3. ON TACTICS, ALL FIVE MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PROMPTLY, BY THE

END OF THE WEEK IF POSSIBLE. SECRETARY VANCE SAID THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE MATTER IN GENERAL TERMS WITH SOMALIA. THE MINISTERS CONCURRED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE LEADERSHIP, IN BRINGING THE MATTER TO THE COUNCIL AND IN PUTTING FORWARD THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WERE UNDERTAKEN BY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, PREFERABLY NIGERIA AND/OR GABON. BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO BRING THE MATTER TO THE COUNCIL THEMSELVES.

4. FINALLY, THEY AGREED THAT THE NEW YORK MISSIONS SHOULD CONVEY ON FEBRUARY 13 TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTION IN MORE DETAIL AND DEVELOP THE TACTICS FOR CONVENING THE COUNCIL BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND GAINING APPROVAL FOR THE RESOLUTION.

5. TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

RECALLING THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY,

BELIEVING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE OAU, AN AFRICAN SOLUTION IS REQUIRED FOR THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA DISPUTE,

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EMPHASIZING THE INADMISSABILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE AND THE NEED TO WORK FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN WHICH EVERY STATE AND PEOPLE IN THE AREA CAN LIVE IN PACE AND SECURITY,

1. BELIEVES THAT THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE CHARTER OF THE OAU REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA ON THE BASIS OF:

(A) AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE, PREDICATED UPON IMMEDIATE AND RAPID WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES FROM TERRITORY OCCUPIED DURING THE CONFLICT AND FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT.

(B) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE ALONG THE BORDER AREA.

(C) ACCEPTANCE OF AND RESPECT FOR THE BORDERS OF THE STATES IN THE AREA.

(D) AGREEMENT THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THESE BORDERS WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICE THE RIGHTS, CLAIMS OR POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN SUBSEQUENT PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THESE BORDERS.

(E) RESPECT FOR THE POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS,

INCLUDING THE ETHNIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE AREA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE
PEOPLE IN THE REGION OF FIGHTING.

(F) ASSURANCES AGAINST REPRISALS AGAINST ANY IN-
DIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT FIGHTING.

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2. URGES THAT ALL STATES REFRAIN FROM ANY ACT WHICH
COULD LEAD TO A CONTINUATION OF THE FIGHTING OR THE INTRO-
DUCTION INTO THE AREA OF POLITICAL OR MILITARY RIVALRIES.

3. REQUESTS THAT ALL STATES REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION
THAT MIGHT ENDANGER NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT ACHIEVING A PACIFIC
SETTLEMENT.

4. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA
TO ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
OAU MEDIATION COMMISSION WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED
IN OPERATIVE PARA ONE.

5. REQUESTS THE OAU TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES IN ORDER
TO OPEN PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND TO ASSIST EFFORTS TO

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ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL AND ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PROVISIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CHARTER AND THE CHARTER OF THE OAU.

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ESTABLISH A
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WHO WOULD COOPERATE WITH THE OAU IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION, INCLUDING THE ES-
TABLISHMENT OF AN OBSERVATION TEAM COMPOSED OF OAU MEMBERS
TO MONITOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM THE OGADEN
AND TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE REGION OF FIGHTING.

7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE
COUNCIL BY MARCH 12, 1978 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
RESOLUTION AND IN FURTHER STEPS THAT COULD LEAD TO PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THIS DISPUTE.

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